

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING

6th Grade

Classic (pick one and complete the writing project)

- *Treasure Island*, Robert Louis Stevenson
- *The Land*, Mildred Taylor
- *Down the Rabbit Hole*, Peter Abrahams
- *The Incident at Hawk's Hill*, Allan Eckert
- *Around the World in Eighty Days*, Jules Verne

Contemporary (pick one and complete the visual assignment)

- *Pinballs*, Betsy Beyers
- *Maniac McGee*, Jerry Spinelli
- *Heat*, Mike Lupica
- *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boys*, Gary Schmidt
- *Crispin*, Avi

7th Grade

Classic (pick one and complete the writing project)

- *National Velvet*, Enid Bagnold
- *Robinson Crusoe*, Daniel Defoe
- *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Mark Twain
- *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*, Elizabeth Speare
- *A Wrinkle in Time*, Madeline L'Engle

Contemporary (pick one and complete the visual assignment)

- *Close to Shore: The Terrifying Shark Attacks of 1916*, Michael Capuzzo
- *Candyfloss*, Jacqueline Wilson
- *Joey Pigza Swallows the Key*, Jack Gantos
- *Wreck of the Whale Ship Essex*, Owen Chase
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*, Mildred Taylor

8th Grade

Classic (pick one and complete the writing project)

- *Life of Pi*, Yann Martel
- *The Trojan War*, Olivia Coolidge
- *The Outsiders*, S.E. Hinton
- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, Maya Angelou
- *The Old Man and the Sea*, Ernest Hemingway

Contemporary (pick one and complete the visual assignment)

- *The Giver*, Lois Lowery
- *Ask Me No Questions*, Marina Budhos
- *The Hunger Games*, Suzanne Collins
- *A Sense of Where You Are: Bill Bradley at Princeton*, John McPhee
- *The Shadow Thieves*, Anne Ursu

REQUIREMENTS

1. Students should pick one book out of the classic list and one book out of the contemporary list for their upcoming grade level.
2. For the **contemporary** novel, students should construct a **theme collage**. The collage should be on poster paper and contain at least one original symbol for the theme (lesson or moral) of the novel. It should also contain colors, images, and patterns that visually represent the novel.
3. For the **classic** novel, students should write a **two paragraph book review**. The first paragraph should summarize the plot and the second paragraph should discuss whether or not the reader would recommend the book to a friend. Make sure to support your opinion with specifics from the text.
4. All book reviews are due on the first day of school. Each language arts class will collect assignments and discuss summer reading.